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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 November 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 December 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 21 recites the limitation "the portable electronic device" in lines 10-11.

There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 21 is objected because the limitation is unclear as lines 10-11 cites "sending the notification message to **the portable electronic device** using a second wireless data transfer method.....require attention"; and

lines 8-9, previously mentions "sending the notification message to a **first portable electronic device** using a first wireless data transfer method.....require attention";

Claim 21, an identifier as (Previously Presented) is incorrect which must be (currently amended).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3, 6-14, 17, 21-27, 29-32; 34-37, 39 & 41-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dempsey et al. (U.S. 6,057,758).

Regarding claim 1, Dempsey discloses a medical monitoring system may transmit alarm signal / predetermined message to at least two portable electronic devices as first unit (Dr. Jim 100A), second unit (100B) and portable central station (108) [fig.2], each of them (100A,100B) to be carried by clinician or caregiver or doctor to receive multi physiological notification messages from multi patients (106), each message from the patient monitoring device (106) example as patient's name John Doe (300A), in room # 436A (300B) as a real time ECG waveform (302), a current heart rate measurement (300), a current blood pressure measurement, and a current blood oxygenation (SpO2) measurement (300) are being monitored at all time [figs. 1-3, col.4, lines 40-64, col.5, lines 18-38, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.7, line 63 to col.8, line 8,] comprising:

- the portable electronic units (100A,100B) and the portable central station (108) are different devices having a **processing circuit** includes processor (400), transceiver (404), video (414), audio (416), display (300), speaker (312), memory (41), five

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separate buffers for receiving the different type notification messages from the multi patients (106) having radio frequency identification signals, each messages having unique identifier and they are NOT the same [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];

- the portable electronic units (100A,100B,108) may communicate / contact with the patient monitoring devices (106) have been assigned and other persons via wireless signal [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];

- the portable electronic devices (100A,100B,108) and nurse pagers are different devices, each of them to be carried by clinicians or caregivers or doctors or located in remote locations to receive & retrieve the messages related to physiological conditions of MORE than one patient device (106) from memory [figs. 1-3, col.2, lines 7-20, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.8, lines 55-60, col.14, lines 13-30].

Regarding claims 2-3, Dampsey discloses the portable electronic device as Dr. Jim (100A) designed to be carried by the clinician or caregiver to receive the notification message from patient's name John Doe (300A), in room # 436A (300B) as a real time ECG waveform (302), a current heart rate measurement (300), a current blood pressure measurement, and a current blood oxygenation (SpO2) measurement (300) are being monitored at all time and transmitted via radio wireless signal & local area network / LAN (102) [figs. 1-3, col.5, lines 18-38, col.6, line 20 to col.7, line 5, col.7, line 63 to col.8, line 8].

Regarding claims 6-8, Dampsey discloses the portable electronic units (100A,100B) having a **processing circuit** includes processor (400), transceiver (404), video (414), audio (416), display (300), speaker (312), memory (41), five separate buffers for **receiving the different type notification messages from the multi patients having radio frequency identification signals, each messages having unique identifier and they are NOT the same** [figs.3-5, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45].

Regarding claims 9-12 & 17, Dampsey discloses a method of medical monitoring system may transmit alarm signal / predetermined message to at least two portable electronic devices as first unit (Dr. Jim 100A), second unit (100B) and portable central station (108) [fig.2], each of them (100A,100B) to be carried by clinician or caregiver or doctor to receive multi physiological notification messages from multi patients (106), each message from the patient monitoring device (106) example as patient's name John Doe (300A), in room # 436A (300B) as a real time ECG waveform (302), a current heart rate measurement (300), a current blood pressure measurement, and a current blood oxygenation (SpO2) measurement (300) are being monitored at all time [figs. 1-3, col.4, lines 40-64, col.5, lines 18-38, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.7, line 63 to col.8, line 8,] comprising:

- the portable electronic units (100A,100B) and the portable central station (108) are different devices having a **processing circuit** includes processor (400), transceiver

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(404), video (414), audio (416), display (300), speaker (312), memory (41), five separate buffers for receiving the different type notification messages from the multi patients (106) having radio frequency identification signals, each messages having unique identifier and they are NOT the same [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];

- the portable electronic units (100A,100B,108) may communicate / contact with the patient monitoring devices (106) have been assigned and other persons via wireless signal [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];
- the portable electronic devices (100A,100B,108) and nurse pagers are different devices, each of them to be carried by clinicians or caregivers or doctors or located in remote locations to receive & retrieve the messages related to physiological conditions of MORE than one patient device (106) from memory [figs. 1-3, col.2, lines 7-20, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.8, lines 55-60, col.14, lines 13-30].

Regarding claims 13-14, Dampsey discloses the portable electronic device as Dr. Jim (100A) designed to be carried by the clinician or caregiver to receive the notification message from patient's name John Doe (300A), in room # 436A (300B) as a real time ECG waveform (302), a current heart rate measurement (300), a current blood pressure measurement, and a current blood oxygenation (SpO2) measurement (300) are being monitored at all time and transmitted via radio wireless signal & local area network /

LAN (102) [figs. 1-3, col.5, lines 18-38, col.6, line 20 to col.7, line 5, col.7, line 63 to col.8, line 8];

- the portable electronic units (100A,100B) and the portable central station (108) are different devices having a **processing circuit** includes processor (400), transceiver (404), video (414), audio (416), display (300), speaker (312), memory (41), five separate buffers **for receiving the different type notification messages from the multi patients (106) having radio frequency identification signals, each messages having unique identifier and they are NOT the same** [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];
and

- the portable electronic units (100A,100B,108) may communicate / contact with the patient monitoring devices (106) have been assigned and other persons via wireless signal [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45].

Regarding claims 21-27, Dampsey discloses a method of medical monitoring system may transmit alarm signal / predetermined message to at least two portable electronic devices as first unit (Dr. Jim 100A), second unit (100B) and portable central station (108) [fig.2], each of them (100A,100B) to be carried by clinician or caregiver or doctor to receive multi physiological notification messages from multi patients (106), each message from the patient monitoring device (106) example as patient's name John Doe (300A), in room # 436A (300B) as a real time ECG waveform (302), a current heart rate

measurement (300), a current blood pressure measurement, and a current blood oxygenation (SpO2) measurement (300) are being monitored at all time [figs. 1-3, col.4, lines 40-64, col.5, lines 18-38, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.7, line 63 to col.8, line 8,] comprising:

- the portable electronic units (100A,100B) and the portable central station (108) are different devices having a **processing circuit** includes processor (400), transceiver (404), video (414), audio (416), display (300), speaker (312), memory (41), five separate buffers **for receiving the different type notification messages from the multi patients (106) having radio frequency identification signals, each messages having unique identifier and they are NOT the same** [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];
- the portable electronic units (100A,100B,108) may communicate / contact with the patient monitoring devices (106) have been assigned and other persons via wireless signal [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];
- the portable electronic devices (100A,100B,108) and nurse pagers are different devices, each of them to be carried by clinicians or caregivers or doctors or located in remote locations to receive & retrieve the messages related to physiological conditions of MORE than one patient device (106) from memory [figs. 1-3, col.2, lines 7-20, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.8, lines 55-60, col.14, lines 13-30].

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Regarding claims 29-31, Dampsey discloses a method of medical monitoring system may transmit alarm signal / predetermined message to at least two portable electronic devices as first unit (Dr. Jim 100A), second unit (100B) and portable central station (108) [fig.2], each of them (100A,100B) to be carried by clinician or caregiver or doctor to receive multi physiological notification messages from multi patients (106), each message from the patient monitoring device (106) example as patient's name John Doe (300A), in room # 436A (300B) as a real time ECG waveform (302), a current heart rate measurement (300), a current blood pressure measurement, and a current blood oxygenation (SpO2) measurement (300) are being monitored at all time [figs. 1-3, col.4, lines 40-64, col.5, lines 18-38, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.7, line 63 to col.8, line 8,] comprising:

- the portable electronic units (100A,100B) and the portable central station (108) are different devices having a **processing circuit** includes processor (400), transceiver (404), video (414), audio (416), display (300), speaker (312), memory (41), five separate buffers **for receiving the different type notification messages from the multi patients (106) having radio frequency identification signals, each messages having unique identifier and they are NOT the same** [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];
- the portable electronic units (100A,100B,108) may communicate / contact with the patient monitoring devices (106) have been assigned and other persons via wireless signal [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];

- the portable electronic devices (100A,100B,108) and nurse pagers are different devices, each of them to be carried by clinicians or caregivers or doctors or located in remote locations to receive & retrieve the messages related to physiological conditions of MORE than one patient device (106) from memory [figs. 1-3, col.2, lines 7-20, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.8, lines 55-60, col.14, lines 13-30].

Regarding claims 32 & 34, Dampsey discloses portable electronic devices as first unit (Dr. Jim 100A), second unit (100B) and portable central station (108) [fig.2], each of them (100A,100B) to be carried by clinician or caregiver or doctor to receive multi physiological notification messages from multi patients (106), each message from the patient monitoring device (106) example as patient's name John Doe (300A), in room # 436A (300B) as a real time ECG waveform (302), a current heart rate measurement (300), a current blood pressure measurement, and a current blood oxygenation (SpO2) measurement (300) are being monitored at all time [figs. 1-3, col.4, lines 40-64, col.5, lines 18-38, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.7, line 63 to col.8, line 8,] comprising:

- the portable electronic units (100A,100B) and the portable central station (108) are different devices having a **processing circuit** includes processor (400), transceiver (404), video (414), audio (416), display (300), speaker (312), memory (41), five separate buffers for receiving the different type notification messages from the multi patients (106) having radio frequency identification signals, each messages

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having unique identifier and they are NOT the same [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45].

Regarding claims 35-37, Dampsey discloses a medical monitoring of medical monitoring system may transmit alarm signal / predetermined message to at least two portable electronic devices as first unit (Dr. Jim 100A), second unit (100B) and portable central station (108) [fig.2], each of them (100A,100B) to be carried by clinician or caregiver or doctor to receive multi physiological notification messages from multi patients (106), each message from the patient monitoring device (106) example as patient's name John Doe (300A), in room # 436A (300B) as a real time ECG waveform (302), a current heart rate measurement (300), a current blood pressure measurement, and a current blood oxygenation (SpO2) measurement (300) are being monitored at all time [figs. 1-3, col.4, lines 40-64, col.5, lines 18-38, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.7, line 63 to col.8, line 8,] comprising:

- the portable electronic units (100A,100B) and the portable central station (108) are different devices having a **processing circuit** includes processor (400), transceiver (404), video (414), audio (416), display (300), speaker (312), memory (41), five separate buffers for receiving the different type notification messages from the multi patients (106) having radio frequency identification signals, each messages **having unique identifier and they are NOT the same** [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];

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- the portable electronic units (100A,100B,108) may communicate / contact with the patient monitoring devices (106) have been assigned and other persons via wireless signal [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];
- the portable electronic devices (100A,100B,108) and nurse pagers are different devices, each of them to be carried by clinicians or caregivers or doctors or located in remote locations to receive & retrieve the messages related to physiological conditions of MORE than one patient device (106) from memory [figs. 1-3, col.2, lines 7-20, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.8, lines 55-60, col.14, lines 13-30].

Regarding claims 39 & 41-42, Dampsey discloses a medical monitoring system may transmit alarm signal / predetermined message to at least two portable electronic devices as first unit (Dr. Jim 100A), second unit (100B) and portable central station (108) [fig.2], each of them (100A,100B) to be carried by clinician or caregiver or doctor to receive multi physiological notification messages from multi patients (106), each message from the patient monitoring device (106) example as patient's name John Doe (300A), in room # 436A (300B) as a real time ECG waveform (302), a current heart rate measurement (300), a current blood pressure measurement, and a current blood oxygenation (SpO2) measurement (300) are being monitored at all time [figs. 1-3, col.4, lines 40-64, col.5, lines 18-38, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.7, line 63 to col.8, line 8,] comprising:

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- the portable electronic units (100A,100B) and the portable central station (108) are different devices having a **processing circuit** includes processor (400), transceiver (404), video (414), audio (416), display (300), speaker (312), memory (41), five separate buffers **for receiving the different type notification messages from the multi patients (106) having radio frequency identification signals, each messages having unique identifier and they are NOT the same** [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];
- the portable electronic units (100A,100B,108) may communicate / contact with the patient monitoring devices (106) have been assigned and other persons via wireless signal [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];
- the portable electronic devices (100A,100B,108) and nurse pagers are different devices, each of them to be carried by clinicians or caregivers or doctors or located in remote locations to receive & retrieve the messages related to physiological conditions of MORE than one patient device (106) from memory [figs. 1-3, col.2, lines 7-20, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.8, lines 55-60, col.14, lines 13-30].

Regarding claims 43-45, Dampsey discloses a method of medical monitoring system system may transmit alarm signal / predetermined message to at least two portable electronic devices as first unit (Dr. Jim 100A), second unit (100B) and portable central station (108) [fig.2], each of them (100A,100B) to be carried by clinician or caregiver or doctor to receive multi physiological notification messages from multi patients (106),

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each message from the patient monitoring device (106) example as patient's name John Doe (300A), in room # 436A (300B) as a real time ECG waveform (302), a current heart rate measurement (300), a current blood pressure measurement, and a current blood oxygenation (SpO2) measurement (300) are being monitored at all time [figs. 1-3, col.4, lines 40-64, col.5, lines 18-38, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.7, line 63 to col.8, line 8,] comprising:

- the portable electronic units (100A,100B) and the portable central station (108) are different devices having a **processing circuit** includes processor (400), transceiver (404), video (414), audio (416), display (300), speaker (312), memory (41), five separate buffers **for receiving the different type notification messages from the multi patients (106) having radio frequency identification signals, each messages having unique identifier and they are NOT the same** [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];
- the portable electronic units (100A,100B,108) may communicate / contact with the patient monitoring devices (106) have been assigned and other persons via wireless signal [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];
- the portable electronic devices (100A,100B,108) and nurse pagers are different devices, each of them to be carried by clinicians or caregivers or doctors or located in remote locations to receive & retrieve the messages related to physiological conditions of MORE than one patient device (106) from memory [figs. 1-3, col.2, lines 7-20, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.8, lines 55-60, col.14, lines 13-30].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 20, 28 & 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dempsey et al. (U.S. 6,057,758).

Regarding claims 20, 28 & 40, Dempsey does not specifically mention the portable electronic device has a volume of less than 30 cubic inches as claimed by the applicant.

However, Dempsey teaches the first portable electronic device (100A) or the second portable electronic device (100B) can be six inches tall, four inches wide and one-half inch deep [figs. 1-3, col. 7, lines 20-33].

Those skilled in the art may recognize that the portable electronic device can be any form or shape or volume, because it is an obvious design choice of the skilled artisan.

6. Claims 4-5, 15-16, 18-19, 33 & 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dempsey et al. (U.S. 6,057,758) in view of Quay (U.S. 6,602,191).

Regarding claim 4, The reference of Dempsey does not specifically mention the wireless signal includes an IEEE 802.11 protocol as claimed by the applicant.

However, Dempsey discloses the portable electronic units (100A,100B) and the portable central station (108) are different devices having a **processing circuit** includes processor (400), transceiver (404), video (414), audio (416), display (300), speaker (312), memory (41), **five separate buffers for receiving the different type notification messages from the multi patients (106) having radio frequency identification signals, each messages having unique identifier and they are NOT the same** [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];

- the portable electronic units (100A,100B,108) may communicate / contact with the patient monitoring devices (106) have been assigned and other persons via wireless signal [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];

- the portable electronic devices (100A,100B,108) are different devices, each of them to be carried by clinicians or caregivers or doctors or located in remote locations to receive & retrieve the messages related to physiological conditions of MORE than one patient device (106) from memory [figs. 1-3, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.8, lines 55-60, col.14, lines 13-30].

Furthermore, Guy teaches health monitoring persons (24) by wireless signal (10) which includes Bluetooth or 802.11 application for communications [figs.3-4, col.7, lines 8-15]

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to employ the teaching of Guy in the system of Dempsey to provide short range wireless communication as desired.

Regarding claim 5, Dempsey discloses the portable electronic units (100A,100B) and the portable central station (108) are different devices having a **processing circuit** includes processor (400), transceiver (404), video (414), audio (416), display (300), speaker (312), memory (41), **five separate buffers for receiving the different type notification messages from the multi patients (106) having radio frequency identification signals, each messages having unique identifier and they are NOT the same** [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];

- the portable electronic units (100A,100B,108) may communicate / contact with the patient monitoring devices (106) have been assigned and other persons via wireless signal [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];

- the portable electronic devices (100A,100B,108) are different devices, each of them to be carried by clinicians or caregivers or doctors or located in remote locations to receive & retrieve the messages related to physiological conditions of MORE than one patient

device (106) from memory [figs. 1-3, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.8, lines 55-60, col.14, lines 13-30].

Regarding claims 15-16 & 18-19, The reference of Dempsey does not specifically mention the wireless signal includes an IEEE 802.11 protocol as claimed by the applicant.

However, Dempsey the portable electronic units (100A,100B) and the portable central station (108) are different devices having a **processing circuit** includes processor (400), transceiver (404), video (414), audio (416), display (300), speaker (312), memory (41), **five separate buffers for receiving the different type notification messages from the multi patients (106) having radio frequency identification signals, each messages having unique identifier and they are NOT the same** [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];

- the portable electronic units (100A,100B,108) may communicate / contact with the patient monitoring devices (106) have been assigned and other persons via wireless signal [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];

- the portable electronic devices (100A,100B,108) and nurse pagers are different devices, each of them to be carried by clinicians or caregivers or doctors or located in remote locations to receive & retrieve the messages related to physiological conditions

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of MORE than one patient device (106) from memory [figs. 1-3, col.2, lines 7-20, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.8, lines 55-60, col.14, lines 13-30].

Furthermore, Quy teaches health monitoring persons (24) by wireless signal (10) which includes Bluetooth or 802.11 application for communications [figs.3-4, col.7, lines 8-15]

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to employ the teaching of Quy in the system of Dempsey to provide short range wireless communication as desired.

Regarding claims 33 & 38, Please see claims 15-16.

Arguments & Responses

7. Applicant's argument filed on Nov. 30, 2006 have been fully considered but they are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection in the following:

The reference of Dempsey teaches a medical monitoring system may transmit alarm signal / predetermined message to at least two portable electronic devices as first unit (Dr. Jim 100A), second unit (100B) and **portable central station (108) [fig.2]**, each of them (100A,100B) to be carried by clinician or caregiver or doctor to receive multi physiological notification messages from multi patients (106), each message from the patient monitoring device (106) example as patient's name John Doe (300A), in

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room # 436A (300B) as a real time ECG waveform (302), a current heart rate measurement (300), a current blood pressure measurement, and a current blood oxygenation (SpO₂) measurement (300) are being monitored at all time [figs. 1-3, col.4, lines 40-64, col.5, lines 18-38, **col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19**, col.7, lines 6-19, col.7, line 63 to col.8, line 8,] comprising:

- the portable electronic units (100A,100B) and the **portable central station (108)** are different devices having a **processing circuit** includes processor (400), transceiver (404), video (414), audio (416), display (300), speaker (312), memory (41), five separate buffers **for receiving the different type notification messages from the multi patients (106) having radio frequency identification signals, each messages having unique identifier and they are NOT the same** [figs.3-5, **col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19**, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45];
- the portable electronic units (100A,100B,108) may communicate / contact with the patient monitoring devices (106) have been assigned and other persons via wireless signal [figs.3-5, col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, line 63 to col.8, line 8, col.9, lines 18-55, col.10, lines 8-45]; and
- The medical monitoring system may transmit alarm signals from the patient physiological detectors to a **multi of portable electronic devices (100A,100B,108) and nurse pagers** are different devices, each of them to be carried by clinicians or caregivers or doctors or located in remote locations to receive & retrieve the messages related to physiological conditions of MORE than one patient device (106) from memory

[figs. 1-3, col.2, lines 7-20 col.5, line 50 to col.6, line 19, col.7, lines 6-19, col.8, lines 55-60, col.14, lines 13-30].

8. In figs. 1-17, filed on 12/31/2004, applicant failed to provide the hardware as first and second wireless receiver coupled to the processing circuit.

Conclusion

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP j 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2982. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hofsass, Jeffrey can be reached on (571) 272-2981. The fax phone number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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Date: Feb. 9, 2007